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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: DISK MEMORY DEVICE, DATA PREREADING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIA

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

() the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and with amendments through _____, or
(X) the specification in International Application No. PCT/JP01/02735, filed March 30, 2001, and as amended on November 30, 2001 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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And I hereby appoint Michael R. Davis, Reg. No. 25,134; Matthew M. Jacob, Reg. No. 25,154; Warren M. Cheek, Jr., Reg. No. 33,367; Nils Pedersen, Reg. No. 33,145; Charles R. Watts, Reg. No. 33,142; and Michael S. Huppert, Reg. No. 40,268, who together constitute the firm of WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P., as well as any other attorneys and agents associated with Customer No. 000513, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

U.S. Application Serial No. NEW Filing Date November 30, 2001

Applicant Reference Number P-24794-02 Atty Docket No. 2001-1772A

Title of Invention DISK MEMORY DEVICE, DATA PREREADING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIA

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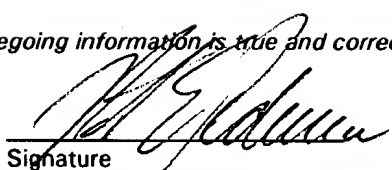
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Noriaki TAKAICHI

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the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to

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of Assignee(s)

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States as defined in 35 USC 100, in the invention known as

DISK MEMORY DEVICE, DATA PREREADING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIA

Title of
Invention

for which an application for patent in the United States has been executed by the undersigned on

Date of Signing
Application

January 10, 2002

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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